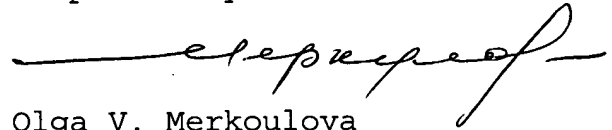


REMARKS

By the current amendment claims 1, 18, 22, 23 and 40 have been amended and claims 3 and 41 are canceled. This amendment has been introduced under Article 34 for the international application and therefore presented in the national stage application.

Please proceed with the application on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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